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C. Earl Albrecht speaks at the commencement exercises at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1964

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Dr. Wood introduces Dr. C. Earl Albrecht.

Earl Albrecht talked about how he felt about returning to the University of Alaska. He is honored to receive an honorary degree. He saw the remarkable changes in progress that have happened on the campus. His last visit was in 1956. He talked about the amount of research occurring on the campus. The university has unusual and important responsibilities as the farthest north university. It is a young university. The location is very significant in the world including studying the aurora borealis. He sees UAF as a great place to train scientists for the future. He talked about the possibilities for research of natural resources. He discussed the growth of population on the east coast and the great spaces and opportunities in Alaska. He recommended that the people of Alaska be welcoming. He talked about breaking ground for the Arctic Water Pollution Laboratory and the biological sciences building. He has always felt that UAF is the right place for this research. It is sad that there are people that do not support this research. He talked about Katie Egawah and Cecelia Alrowan. He talked about the growth in the size of graduating classes. When he served on the board of regents and remembers the plans they had that have been accomplished. He talked about the naming of Alaska and the size of the state, the natural resources in Alaska and the range of climates. This land offers great opportunities to those that are willing to meet the challenges. He told the graduates that to achieve the most they must work hard. Alaska's greatness affects our lives. He talked about the influence of the mountain ranges of Alaska. He discussed the recovery of Alaska after the March earthquake. He talked about their plans to control TB when he was the commissioner of health. It was precisely those plans that brought them to success through the cooperation of several agencies. There are still challenging health problems. He said attitudes must be positive to handle goals and objectives.

Dr. Albrecht talked about the vision of Terris Moore and his contribution to the university. Dr. Wood accepted a check that was sent by Terris Moore.